

### **REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-7, 10-16 and 18-82 are pending in the present application. Claims 8, 9 and 17 have been cancelled without prejudice and claims 70-82 are new. Claims 11-13 and 20-69 are withdrawn. Of the remaining claims, claim 1 and new claim 70 are independent.

Claims 1-6, 10, 14-16 and 19 were rejected as being anticipated by Angelchik (U.S. Patent No. 4,352,358). Claims 1, 7 and 19 were rejected as being anticipated by Zegdi et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,893,886). Claims 1, 6, 8 and 18 were rejected as being anticipated by Yencho et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,206,913).

Claim 7 was rejected as being obvious over Angelchik in view of Ramberg (U.S. Patent No. 2,962,050 A).

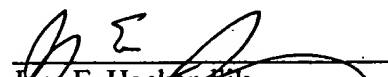
Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 9 and 17 would be allowed if rewritten into independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 8 and 9 and new claim 70 is dependent claim 17 rewritten into independent form thereby placing all claims in condition for allowance.

### **CONCLUSION**

Applicant submits that the claims are now in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-412-3322.

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